Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Cannot entry to the Hall be made through the sides?

Mr. President: It has been explained already that it is only on rare occasions that the Town Hall is used for public functions.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL—ERNAKULAM

129. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted in the "Malabar Mail", dated 12th June 1943 an article under the Caption "The Government High School for Girls, Ernakulam" on the last page of that issue written by a Guardian;

(*b*) whether they have noted the following significant sentences in that article;

(ക) എന്നാൽ പണി തീർന്ന കാലംമുതൽ അതു് ഈ നാട്ടിലെ കാലാവസ്ഥക്കു് തീരെ പറ്റിയതല്ലെന്നു വിളിച്ചറിയിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണു് നിലകൊള്ളുന്നതു്.

(ഖ) എന്തിനു്! നിയമസഭയിൽപോലും ഈ ഗൈൾസ് ഹൈസ്കൂളിലെ വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കക്കാര്യം ആലോചനാവിഷയവും വാദപ്രതിവാദവസ്തുവും ആയിത്തീർന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(*c*) whether there is not a request in the article that the Director of Public Instruction and the Diwan be pleased to pay a visit to this institution when there is heavy rain to see in person the hardship of the girls;

(*d*) whether any steps are taken to remedy the evils pointed in that article?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(1) and (2) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The leakages have been repaired.

130. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the news published in the "Malabar" Mail, dated 23rd June 1943 on page 2 under the Caption "സർക്കാർ ഗൈൾസ് സ്കൂൾ കെട്ടിടം ഡയറക്ടർ പരിശോധിച്ചു" is a fact;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken to remedy the evils pointed out in the previous article of the "Malabar Mail" about this High School?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Vide answer to question No. 129.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to see that the building is roofed and some varandahs are constructed according to the Malabar pattern?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The building is already roofed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it roofed with tiles.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I may say verandahs on all sides may be constructed.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost of constructing verandahs will come to about Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 30,000.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Rs. 25,000 is after all a small amount compared with the health of the children.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Has the building any caves projecting over the walls?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. It has got ghutters.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Do not Government think that it is because of the absence of caves that there is trouble when it rains?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* After reading those papers I had a took at it. It was a surprise for me to find in one or two places small leakages. I got it repaired at a cost of about Rs. 2 or Rs. 3, and the whole thing is quite alright.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Is it not a fact that on all evenings the shutters are closed to prevent both the sun-shine and on rainy days to prevent the rain? It is not on account of the leakages but on account of the absence of eaves.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The whole trouble this year is this. Glass shutters had to be removed on account of the A. R. precautions and wooden shutters were put in their place. Due to improper handling the wooden shutters cannot be closed, with the result that during nights those shutters were left open and during rains some water might have got into the building through these open windows and in the morning when they opened they found water and they thought that there was leakage and they started to find fault with the building,

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design and so on. Now, I have asked to put back the glass shutters and remove the wooden shutters.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Do not Government think that the construction of eaves will solve these difficulties?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The construction of eaves will only aggravate the difficulties, because the water from these eaves will get into the building. In the design of the Ernakulam Girls' School building we have no eaves, and no water will be flowing in front of the building and so the amount of water getting into the building is smaller. Even though we have a verandah here we can find that with eaves the verandah has to be closed.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* If there is no verandah for this hall what will be the state of affairs here when the rain comes. That is the trouble in the school. If all the shutters are closed, there will be no ventilation.

Mr. T. S. Ramachadra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Why is it that in several of the school buildings, there is no shutter for windows?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Even in hospitals we do not construct any shutters to windows. In school buildings where there are verandahs, we do not put up shutters.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that children are suffering from various difficulties on account of absence of shutters. They cannot have wall pictures if there are no shutters. We can very well imagine that these things will disappear during night for, if a wall picture is hung it will be stolen away if there are no shutters. Therefore Government will do well to provide shutters to windows.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Is it not the policy of the Government to provide school buildings with verandahs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. I can show you that most of the buildings constructed have no verandahs.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Have not the Government conceded in this House in a previous meeting that as far as possible they will provide verandahs to school buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സ്കൂളിനു കോമ്പൌണ്ടു ഉണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതിനു വേലിയും പടിയും പൂട്ടും മറ്റുമില്ലേ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Most of them have.

KERALA KALAMANDALAM

131. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the various sections and No. of pupils in each;

(*b*) the No. of Instructors;

(*c*) the annual establishment charges of the Kerala Kalamandalam at Cheruthuruthy?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Kathakali section 7 students.

(*b*) 5 and a massage expert whose appointment is for 3 months only annually.

(*c*) Nearly Rs. 3,650.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Am I to take it that there is only one section in the Kerala Kalamandalam for instruction?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* At present it is only one section, that is working and there are no students for the other.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* What is the massage expert doing?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* He is the man to give instruction for the physical culture of the pupils.

LEPER ASYLUM—CONFINEMENT OF LEPERS

132. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the exact or appropriate number of lepers outside the Leper Asylum;

(*b*) is anything done to confine them within Asylums?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) About 5,000 Lepers in the State.

(*b*) There is no sufficient accommodation in the Leprosy Hospital to house all the lepers in the State.

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